

TO: TALK w/ADE Members

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SUBJECT: Minutes from Meeting on April 15, 2002

TALK w/ADE MEETING MINUTES

❖ **Welcome/Attendance**

- Steve Mishlove--Arizona Department of Education/Exceptional Student Services (ADE/ESS), Lynn Busenbark – ADE/ESS, Jeannette Zemeida--ADE/ESS, Laura Bistrow, Paradise Valley Unified School District, Diane Bruening--Chandler Unified School District, Suellen Capron--Snowflake Unified School District, Karen Davis – PPEP TEC Charter High School, Sherry Dorathy – Miami Unified School District, Charles Fruge – Safford Unified School District, Dick Detzel (for Catherine Hitchings) – Higley Unified School District, Roger Kutemeier – Mesa Public Schools, Pat Marsh – Ft. Huachuca Accommodation School, Ken Randall, ASDB, Bea VanMantgem--Prescott Unified School District, Robert Wolf – Parker Unified School District; also attending: Miriam Podrazik, Katherine Huezinga, Rita Kenison, and Celia Kujawski – ADE/ESS

❖ **District Reports**

- Members participating in the teleconference introduced themselves and gave a short report regarding current issues/activities going on at their district/school.
- Diane Bruening and Robert Wolf are responsible for constructing the agenda. They asked that all agenda items be submitted to them by noon the Friday before the next Talk w/ADE and that the agenda would be e-mailed to group by 5 pm Friday afternoon.

❖ **ADE Update**

- Steve welcomed new members to Talk w/ADE
- Miriam Podrazik invited Talk w/ADE members to participate on the Director's Institute Conference Planning Committee; call or e-mail her if interested
 - Suellen Capron volunteered
- Talk w/ADE now has a link on ADE/ESS website. The address is:
<http://www.ade.az.gov/ess/talkwithade/>.
- Cost Study has been posted on ESS website.
- ESS will look at Prior Written Notice over the summer and develop an AZTAS document
 - Steve invited Talk w/ADE members to be a part of the work group
 - Contact Dana Morrison, (602) 364-4002, if interested
- ESS will probably have 6-B Fund information out to the districts by the middle of May

❖ OPEN DISCUSSION

- Member asked if reauthorization is going to happen during current legislative session. According to Senator Kyle's office reauthorization will most likely not be addressed this session.
 - Diane Bruening encouraged everyone to send in any ideas they have on reauthorization to Senator Kyle's office
- Chandler USD has adjusted their Prior Written Notice to suggest Community Legal Services (CLS) and has eliminated Arizona Center for Disability Law.
 - Community Legal Services offers free or reduced-cost services.
 - Community Legal Services, (602) 258-3434 or (800) 852-9075
- Capacity Building Grant Application Process
 - Celia Kujawski, Northern Arizona University, has a contract with ADE/ESS, to coordinate all the capacity building grants for the next 3-5 years. This year was the first year all the applications for grants were put on-line. According to Miriam Podrazik it there were problems. ESS should have started with only one or two as a pilot. While a lot of the problems have been worked out there are still a lot more to be worked out. ESS will be lenient with schools regarding on-line submission since some forms may be missing. Grants were read the last part of April.
 - Evaluations of the grant process and use of grant monies will be done next year to see what kind of impact the grant monies have had in the schools.
 - There are some new grants scheduled for next year. One of them will address the issue of teacher retention.
 - Applicants should hear about grant approvals by mid-May.
- The ADE Testing Division somehow left off all of the disability and other special area codes on the AIMS test report. Reporting will have to be done with the current format for this year. The Testing Division will have the forgotten categories on the report next year.
- Caller wanted to know where ADE/ESS is in the process of reopening the Special Education rules and regulations.
 - ESS is still taking recommendations on the rules
 - Rules and regulations are posted on the ADE/ESS website
- Diane Bruening proposed research collaboration with local universities. ESS currently does work with local universities for activities concerning CSPD. Steve suggested that Miriam Podrazik be contacted with any ideas.
- Diane asked that all training/in-service opportunities be submitted to her so that she can include them on the agenda.
- Concerns were expressed concerning training for data collection requirements for 2002-03.
- Rita Kenison addressed concerns regarding the Child Find Birth to Two Tracking Form. The form has to be approved by ADE/ESS, DES, DDD, ASDB and DHS representatives before the official form can be distributed. Rita went over some of the difficulties in getting the document finalized.
 - Group discussed Child Find frustrations.

❖ NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting will be held May 13, 2002, Paradise Valley Unified School District, IMC Building, Ivory Room, 15002 N. 32nd St., Phoenix, 9 am –12 noon.